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FOR: **ALFALFA PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED STANDABILITY AND/OR FAST
RECOVERY AFTER HARVEST AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME**

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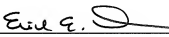
Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office notify Applicant's representative of the current status of the above-identified application. The last communication in the application was a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, a Notice of Appeal with a two month Extension of Time filed August 28, 2008. To date, we have not received any communication from the Patent Office.

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